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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to my letter of 3 April 1991 (S/22436), I have the honour to draw attention to the following serious violations by Iraq of the terms of cease-fire between Iran-Iraq.

On 25 March 1991, at 11.30 hrs., two Iraqi helicopters violated the air space of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the city of Manzarieh and Khosravi border area. The Iraqi helicopters left the area after conducting reconnaissance operations.

On 26 March 1991, between 0900 and 1400 hrs., Ghasr-e-Shirin became the target of 30 shells fired from Iraqi artillery and 120 mm mortars. Three shells compacted the Khosravi border post and two shells hit the Khosravi camp which resulted in injury of one border guard.

These violations of the terms of cease-fire have been officially protested to by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran. The text of the note verbale No. 598/4180 of 11 April 1991 to that effect is herewith annexed.

It will be highly appreciated, if this letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 11 April 1991 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presenting its compliments, hereby informs:

1- On 25 March 1991, at 11.30 hrs., two Iraqi military helicopters flew over the city of Manzarieh and its heights as well as the Khosravi border areas. They engaged in reconnaissance operations of the Iranian forces stationed in the region and subsequently left the area without any action.

2- On 26 March 1991, from 0900 hrs. to 1400 hrs., 30 artillery and 120 mm mortar shells of Iraqi military were fired to the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in general area of Ghasr-e-Shirin. Three of the shells compacted the border post station at Khosravi and two shells hit the tents of Khosravi camp. As a result of the compact against the wall of the border post station, one border guard was injured.

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran draws the attention of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the repercussions of such hostile acts on the relations between the two countries and herewith calls for their halt.

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran avails itself of the opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Hoping for the victory of the oppressed over the oppressors,

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Islamic Republic of Iran